School library and a class-room were destroyed due to Pak shelling. There are no reports of any migration of people in Kargil, Baramula and Kupwara districts due to Pakistani firing.

रक्षा कर्मियों की शिकायतों के समाधान हेतु न्यायाधिकरण

3835. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सेवारत और सेवानिवृत्त रक्षा कर्मियों द्वारा दायर की गई कितनी याचिकाएं उच्च न्यायालय में विचाराधीन / लंबित पड़ी हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार इन रक्षा कर्मियों की शिकायतों का समाधान करने के लिए किसी न्यायाधिकरण की स्थापना करने का विचार रखती है जो सेवा नियमों और संस्थानिक तथा "रैपिड रिमेडी सिस्टम" के अंतर्गत दिए गए निर्णय से संतुष्ट नहीं हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो यह न्यायाधिकरण कब तक स्थापित किया जाएगा?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जॉर्ज फर्नान्डीज): (क) से (ग) गत पांच वर्ष के दौरान सेवारत और सेवानिवृत्त रक्षा कर्मियों द्वारा दायर की गई याचिकाओं और उच्च न्यायालयों में लंबित याचिकाओं के ब्यौरे नीचे दिए गए अनुसार हैं:—

वर्ष	सेवारत और सेवानिवृत्त रक्षा कार्मिकों द्वारा उच्च न्यायालयों में फाइल की गई याचिकाओं की संख्या	उच्च न्यायालयों में लंबित याचिकाओं की संख्या
1993	763	446
1994	1096	547
1995	1090	432
1996	1304	534
1997	1489	637

सरकार पहले सशस्त्र सेना कार्मिकों के संबंध में एक सशस्त्र सेना प्रशासनिक और कोर्ट मार्शल अधिकरण स्थापित करने के लिए सिद्धांत रूप से सहमत हो गई थी। तत्पश्चात् इस मामले पर आगे कार्यवाही करते समय कुछ कानूनी और प्रशासनिक मुद्दे सामने आए। इन मुद्दों पर गहन विचार-विमर्श करने के पश्चात् कोई निर्णय लिया जाएगा।

Depleting strength of frigates

3836. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the strength of frigates in the Indian Navy has been depleting due to de-commissioning of the old frigates; and

(b) the measures taken to construct new ones at a quicker pace in ship building docks in the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following measures have been taken to construct new destroyers/ frigates at the defence shipyards:—

(i) Two destroyers are under construction at MDL, Mumbai. One destroyer has already been commissioned in November, 1997.

(ii) Three frigates are under construction at GRSE, Calcutta.

(iii) Orders have recently been placed for construction of three frigates at MDL, Mumbai.

The government has also approved, in October 1997, import of three frigates.

Security angle of Essar and Reliance refinery projects

3837. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officials of the three wings of the Armed Forces have expressed concern over the refinery projects of the Essar and Reliance Group from the security angle in view of their proximity with the border;

(b) if so, the details of their findings; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The information in being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Violation of Human Rights by Armed Forces

3838. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of army personnel who have been punished in connection with Human Rights violation in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) whether any compensation have been given to the families of the victims?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The following number of army personnel have been punished in J&K in the last 3 years for human rights violation cases:—

Year	Officers	JCOs	ORs	Total
1995	2	1	4	7
1996	4	—	2	6
1997	—	—	4	4
1998	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	6	1	10	17

(c) No compensation has been paid to the victims in these cases.

Private sector participation in strategic sector

3839. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Government-industry-defence cooperation envisaged" in the Statesman, dated 19th June, 1998;

(b) if so, whether Government are opting for private sector participation in strategic sector also;

(c) whether Government have taken into consideration idle capacity of Defence and non-Defence PSUs (including the sick industries) before going for private sector participation;

(d) if so, the details of the study conducted in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) In order to explore the possibilities of involving private sector in some identified areas of defence production, Defence Minister held interactive discussions with representatives of industry at a section of the Confederation of Indian Industry on 18-6-1998. The focus of these deliberations was aimed at evolving a long term plan of effective Government-industry participation in building a strong, versatile, and self-reliant indigenous defence production base.

While civil industry is already involved in providing inputs to the defence establishments producing defence wares, there is need to elevate the linkages commensurate with the capacities, capabilities and expertise that exists in the private and public sectors of domestic civil industry.

As per the decision taken in the meeting, Government has already set up six Joint Task Forces between the Industry and the Ministry of Defence in furtherance of the objective of expanding Government-industry participation.

Nuclear capability of India and Pakistan

3840. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 6th July, 1998, captioned "India-Pak do not have